

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** Making Homemade Teargas

**Other known title(s):** Teargas

**OFLC ref:** 1800622.043

**Medium:** Text File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 18 June 2019

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 18 June 2019

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The availability of the publications poses a high risk of injury to the public good that cannot be mitigated by an age restriction because of the way it promotes and encourages the creation and malicious use of a legally restricted weapon. Although most reasonable New Zealanders would be unlikely to attempt to make this weapon, they are not the intended audience for the publication. The likelihood of injury arises from its availability to those with malicious intent. The publication is clearly intended to instruct on how to make a weapon which have no legitimate purpose other than to cause physical harm. The objectionable classification limits the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, it is a reasonable and justified limitation given the high risk of injury to the public good from the publication's availability.